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THREE CENTS.

Had Insisted on Modification of **Defense Plan**

Associated Press Foreign Correspondent, LIMA, Dec. 24.—The key to the question of continental solidarity described as "a cross inimical to the and defense was held today by Brazil, the only one of the 21 American republics which had not signed the proposed declaration of the

Brazil continued to hold out for "slight modifications" of the declaration, but just what these modifications were no one here knew except Afranio de Mello Franco, head

the Presidents of Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil.

Delegation Heads to Meet. As chairman of the Conference Committee on the Organization of

passed into Brazil's hands. force the other delegations to accept modifications or run the risk of junking the whole proposal. · The conference leaders had to work fast because the first of the two plenary sessions scheduled for today was expected to start at 11

The last plenary session comes at

Some delegates said that if agreement were not reached in time for

caused misgivings among some of the delegations. It has been just such changes that have held the declaration up through two

Each time that modifications, however slight, are made the docunew approval

of the United States was expected to make a formal address at one of today's sessions, probably this afternoon. He worked until midnight on two speeches, one to be delivered today and one at a dinner to be given by Peru's President, Oscar

All Survivors of Wreck

Patterson were safe today, and another saga of the sea approached an end as a Coast Guard cutter sped nine seamen shoreward for Christ-

maining nine men. Both groups were rescued at Lituya Bay, where the men hiked 30 miles through storms from the wreck

C. McDowell, veteran chief engineer, and Third Mate Steve Johnson, brought to Juneau by Mr. Simmons for medical aid, arrived in

Judge Rules Drunkenness favor was that the insurgents struck

to jail for drunkenness, in the opin-

On the second morning of his ofapplicant just because of a few trips fensive Gen. Franco apparently had been stopped in the Balaguer and ion of Federal Judge J. Foster Lerida sectors. His troops, however, were said to have broken Renardo Gallardo, 37, native of through at least the first line of Mexico, admitted a few such trips government defenses near Tremp

the two extremes of the battle "Taking a drink or so too many front. Casualty lists ran into the thous-

strong in artillery and aviationwere believed to have lost less than the government.

Since dawn yesterday and through the night the crash and rumble of artillery fire and the stutter of machine guns and automatic rifles have echoed through the Segre

Zona Gale Critically III

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 (AP).-A hoswill not publish the 5:30 and pital attendant reported today the condition of Novelist Zona Gale Congress critics.

Breese, ill with pneumonia, was "very critical." She was being Washington and Vicinity. tendant said.

WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1938 —TWENTY-SIX PAGES. Catholic Action Mistreatment Spurred by Italy, Pope Charges

Pontiff Anxious for 10-Year-Old Reconciliation Accord With Rome

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24.-Pope while Catholic action is distinctly Pius XI accused Italian authorities contemplated in our pact of concilitoday of encouraging "mistreatment" ation, from above must come wideof Catholic Action which, along with or rather occult-gestures of permarriage discriminations, mission and encouragement in order caused anxiety for the 10-year-old that those vexations not cease in

concordat of reconciliation between

the church and state. He spoke in his Christmas address to his cardinals, expressing his "bitbetween the Vatican and the Italian

He said he forgave the "rude" disrespect of his "white hair" in the disregard of the concordat and the flying of the Nazi flag when Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler visited Rome last May. The Nazi swastika he

cross of Christ. The pontiff criticized as "inhuman that which is anti-Christian." especially mentioning that which affects | Milan. the "dignity, liberty and integrity of the individual.'

contention that the concordat "was not wounded in the slightest, but remained sound," but declared that the interpretation of a two-party pact "cannot be usurped by one

party alone." God, he declared, would "enlighten minds and move hearts in the direction of truth and justice, which are the sole true and solid bases of the welfare of the individual and also before the September 29 Munich

"Observing the zeal in the lower main unaffected.

Loyalists Check

In Northern Spain

Insurgent Offensive

Spanish civil war in progress

more than 30 months, govern-

Catalonia and all of Southeastern

Spain. Fronts have been quiet

in recent weeks amid prepara-

tions for insurgent offensive to

clean up remaining Loyalist re-

HENDAYE, FRANCE, Dec. 24.

Firm government resistance, it was

reported today, has checked a great

insurgent offensive all along the

frozen Pyrenees front from Tremp

to Balaguer in a momentous battle

News filtering across the border

into France said the big push, led

by Insurgent Generalissimo Fran-

had been brought to an abrupt halt.

pletely quiet except for occasional

The front was said to be com-

Heavy snowstorms almost wiped

out visibility and freezing cold made

fighting virtually impossible in the

mountains, where two of the great-

est armies assembled on a single

front in more than 29 months of

Cold Is Intense.

cold was so severe that water coolers

on machine guns-usually boiling

was said to have been with the gov-

ernment's seasoned mountain troops,

defending well-fortified hilltop posi-

Insurgents were unable to ad-

vance their machine gun platoons

to take the summits of government-

held hills, these reports said, and

government rifle fire mowed down

waves of insurgents attempting to

charge up the slopes with fixed

dispatches from insurgent territory

agreed that this was Generalissimo

Border sources estimated that half

million men were engaged in the

battle area extending from Tremp,

100 miles south to the Grosa Moun-

The insurgents' main goal and the

government's prize possession was

the little industrial town of Artesa,

called by both sides the "key to

War Result at Stake.

Franco's drive, both sides acknowl-

edged, may decide the two-and-a-

at the same sector where their at-

tacks failed December 15 when, ac-

cording to some quarters, an espion-

half-year-old war.

The success or failure of Gen.

Franco's long-awaited offensive.

Both government bulletins and

The advantage in the fighting

Reports from the front said the

Reported Brought

To Quick Halt

the Associated Press.

of Spain's civil war.

artillery shelling.

since vesterday.

ranks, it appears too clear that,

various places from one end to the other of the peninsula. "And not only in small places of little importance. Yesterday they er sadness" at vexations in relations were reported to us from Venice, Turin and Bergamo, today from Milan and in the very person of the cardinal archbishop, guilty of speech and teaching which comes within his pastoral duties and of which he ties that go with this job. can only approve.

The pontiff read his speech of mas wishes through their dean. His Daniel C. Roper.

Cardinal Schuster denounced Fascist and Nazi racial doctrines as "an see him some time today. He refused to discuss the Fascist international danger not less than bolshevism" in a sermon in his cathedral November 13.

The Vatican protested to the Italian government against the marriage decree after the Pope sought to prevent its adoption by writing letters to Mussolini and King Vit-

The Pope said he had offered his and other cabinet members. life for peace in a broadcast just agreement on German annexation In his statement on Catholic Ac- of Czecho-Slovakia's Sudetenland ion, an organization of laymen, the and he again offered it that Italy's "internal peace" and prosperity re-

France to Reclaim Land Involved in Pact Italy Voided

Territory in Africa And Railroad Stock To Be Demanded

ernment was reported today to have in his role of cabinet officer. decided to tell Italy that her action

In circles close to the government it was said the cabinet decided today to inform Italy her action re-established the situation which existed before the accord

Thus, in the French view, they said, Italy's territorial gains would revert to France.

The land consists of a rectangular strip of 44,000 square miles cut off from French West Africa and French Equatorial Africa along their common frontier with Libya and the strategic strip of French Somaliland cisco Franco's Moors and Italians, which controls the southern end of

Bonnet to Send Message. The cabinet instructed Foreign Minister George Bonnet to dispatch France's message, replying to an Italian note which said Italy considered the agreement invalid, on

Tuesday or Wednesday, warfare have been locked in combat stock in the Djibouti-Addis Ababa how Mr. Hopkins has run W. P. A. Railroad which were given her under

changed hands. January 7, 1935. provided for pro- Committee for study. gressive removal of Italian citizen-

It had been understood the gov-

Backs Spanish Truce Plan. The answer was expected to point

pending colonial differences between the two nations. Bonnet told the cabinet he had given the full support of the French Pan-American Conference in Lima to bring about a Christmas truce in Spain and also had sought the tail about the Campaign Commit-

To Continue

'To Have Something to

After taking the oath of office as Secretary of Commerce, Harry L. Hopkins today told newspapermen that at "an appropriate time in the not distant future I'll have something to say about the responsibili-

At the same time the former Works Progress administrator em-1,500 words to the cardinals phasized that he hoped to continue in Rome as they visited him in a with the Business Advisory Council, body to present their annual Christ- inaugurated by his predecessor, Milan reference concerned Ildefonso planned as one of his first acts a Cardinal Schuster, archbishop of conference with W. Averell Harriman of New York, chairman of the council, adding that he expected to

Roosevelt, Mr. and Mrs. James Roosevelt, the new Secretary's son of administration officials

Absent, however, were Mr. Roper nomination, is a White House weekwas among those who witnessed the

Also at the ceremony was Col. Francis C. Harrington, Army engineer, who succeeds Mr. Hopkins as Works Progress administrator.

Because of the crowded quarters in which the ceremony was held party in the Capitol Theater. Carnewspapermen could not attend the However, the details were provided later by Stephen Early of the White House secretariat in at the Mission's 22d annual party his office, where Secretary Hopkins and told them she hoped they would PARIS, Dec. 24.—The French gov- then held his first press conference

in declaring invalid the 1935 Italo- as he greeted old friends among the Mr. Hopkins was obviously moved French agreement deprived her of newspapermen and expressed his silver fox scarf, black felt had tipped colonial territory France ceded in appreciation of the elevation to cabinet rank

thing to say a little later. To Go to Desk Monday.

tion Senators said they would not Broken bits of bodies recovered It was expected that beside the tion to the cabinet, a group of Demoland which France would reclaim crats and Republicans began disformally she also would demand cussing strategy whereby they could a twin-motored Army bomber 2 that Italy return 2,500 shares of secure a penetrating inquiry into miles southeast of here.

Members of this informal coalithe 1935 agreement and actually tion said privately they would demand that the nomination be re-A third part of the accord, signed ferred to the Senate Commerce

This committee, it was said, would ship and other rights in Tunisia by use the report of the Senate Compaign Investigating Committee in a vigorous effort to ascertain whether ernment would let Italy's invalida- there has been any political use of tion of the treaty, which never was relief funds. The Campaign Comratified by the two Parliaments, go mittee's report has not been drafted to Mitchel Field, N. Y. unanswered, but the cabinet, after but members have indicated it will a long discussion, decided other- criticize some activities of the W. P.

would question Mr. Hopkins in de-

Hopkins Sworn; **Advisory Group**

Say on Responsibilities That Go With Job'

Secretary Hopkins took the oath in President Roosevelt's study in the White House before a company that included the President and Mrs David Hopkins, and a large number

Reed Administers Oath.

The oath was administered by Associate Justice Stanley F. Reed of the Supreme Court. The Bible used was presented to Mr. Hopkins for the occasion by Mrs. Roosevelt. It was signed both by the President and Justice Reed

Asked whether he "had any message for the businessmen of the country," the Secretary smiled and said that "after all, this is Christmas." He said he expected to be busy most of the rest of the day in seeing that Santa Claus had proper instructions regarding his small daughter's Christmas. It was then he added that he would have some-

Mr. Hopkins said his Christmas celebration would last only until Monday, when he would go to his desk in the Commerce Department. One result of the Hopkins appointment probably will be a thorough Senate airing of charges of

Although some anti-administraoppose confirmation of his nomina-

A. during the last campaign. Many Critics on Committee. The Commerce Committee includes out that France, despite the lack of numerous Senators who have been ratification of the treaty, had con- critical of the relief administration sidered it as definitely settling the Senator Bailey, Democrat, of North Carolina, a sharp New Deal critic. will be elected chairman when Congress convenes, and Senator McNary of Oregon, the minority leader, is Committee members said they

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crash. Stiffer attitude

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Warm welcome on tap for Duke U gridders on coast. Braddock, Schmeling, McLarnin all wreckage indicated a Capt. Reiber on ring comeback list. Page A-14 also had died, although some were Venezuela raised Injury may keep Lee, Skibo spark- of the opinion this might have beplug, out of Sugar Bowl. Page A-14 come entangled with Capt. Ruebe's Team matches greatest lure for D. C. woman golfers. Page A-15 Terp ring hope is seen in Cronin, Page A-15

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CHRISTMAS EVE. Mr. Hopkins, a recess appointee pending Senate confirmation of his Mrs. Roosevelt Attends Two end guest, along with his mother-less 6-year-old daughter Diana. She Parties for Needy Children

Another Today Scheduled as President's Wife Begins Busy Yule Program

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, begin- | mobile. Howard C. Burkhardt, manning a busy round of Christmas ac- ager of the theater, greeted her at tivities for the President's family, the entrance and escorted her to this morning attended two parties the stage, piled high with gifts. at which deserving children received toys, clothes and food to Jean Bennett, superintendent of brighten their Christmas.

Starting at 8:30 a.m., Mrs. Roosevelt's first stop was at the Central Union Mission's annual Christmas rying on a custom started by her predecessor in the White House, Mrs. mas and a happy New Year for all Roosevelt greeted 1,500 children remember "the story of the Christ Child as well as the story of Santa

over one eye, and black shoes. She arrived unaccompanied in her auto-

At Least Seven Die

In Blast and Crash

Nine May Have Lost

(Picture on Page A-2.)

UNIONTOWN, Ala., Dec. 24.-

over a 60-acre area indicated today

seven, or possibly nine, men died last

night in the explosion and crash of

Maj. Warren A. Maxwell, opera-

tions officer at Maxwell Field

Montgomery, Ala., said a tramp

him at least seven persons were

Effects recovered indicated nine

at some point before the big B-18

type plane plummeted down through

Blast Shakes Houses.

The terrific explosion shook many

Hamilton Field, San Rafael, Calif.

released the names of the following

as those who left there with the

ship en route to New York via Max-

First Lt. James D. Underhill, 28,

Second Lt. John W. Pollard,

Second Lt. John H. Hydle, 30th

Infantry, Presidio, Calif., whose

checkbook was located in the debris.

He was a passenger and his parents

Capt. Fred Ruebe, jr., Medical

Corps, Letterman Hospital, San

Francisco, unmarried, a passenger.

operator, Los Angeles; Ben L. Jones,

Mud Hinders Probe.

Warren Wunderlich, service con-

Johnson, 26, Northville, N. Y.

Pvts. Humbert Narro, 27, radio

live in Williston, N. Dak.

over the area today "convinced

Lives in Accident

Of Army Plane

In Alabama

killed.

a rainstorm.

houses in the vicinity

were unmarried.

Repeal of Long-Short **Haul Rate Clause**

BACKGROUND-

Victim of depression and competition, the sagging rail industry has been one of the principal concerns of the administration. With the prospect that the next Congress would attempt to afford some relief through legislation. President Roosevelt named a committee from management and employes to draft a program embodying its views on the

Congressional opposition developed today to some recommendations of President Roosevelt's spe-

Chairman Wheeler of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee and Senator Norris, Independent, of Nebraska, said they would fight any effort to repeal the long-and-short haul rate clause of the Interstate

Commerce Act. This clause prohibits railroads from charging less for a long haul than for a short haul over the same route in the same direction. Its repeal was one of the recommenda-

pointed the committee, representing railroad management and labor, to Wasco, Calif., Air Corps Reserves, prepare a legislative program for co-pilot. Both he and Lt. Underhill

> Mr. Roosevelt may not, however, indorse all the committee's recommendations. It is up to him to de cide which of them shall be submitted to Congress.

> Senator Wheeler, who will discuss the committee's report with Mr. Roosevelt in a conference Tuesday, said he was sure most of the West ern Senators would join him in opposing repeal of the long-and-short

Association, said that section would (See RAILROADS, Page A-6.)

Bountiful Capital Festively Awaits 'Peace' Holiday

Needy Will Share in Christmas Joy; Fair And Cold Tomorrow

Washington, festive with winking trees, attuned to the songs of carol-Standing on the stage with Mrs. ers, made last-minute preparations Bennett and Santa Claus, in the today for a Christmas that promised person of Homer Rodeheaver, wellto extend cheer beyond warm and bountiful homes into the bleak known evangelistic singer, Mrs. Roosevelt wished a merry Christdwelling places of the destitute.

Dozens of charitable, welfare and civic organizations and countless inwere listening to a radio broadcast dividuals had undertaken to see that Several children brought up from that Santa Claus has forgotten him from Mrs. Roosevelt. homes goes through the Yuletide These included two sisters, Betty hungry and cold. Heaping baskets Alderson, 6, and her 1-year-old of food and toys have been going out all week and hundreds more were to be distributed before Christmas

Eve night. Cloudy skies are expected to usher in Christmas Day with not much change in temperature, the Weather Bureau announced, with a minimum of 34 degrees expected during the night. Overçast clouds blanketed the Eastern seaboard stretching as far West as the Mississippi Valley. Intermittent rain will continue throughout the remainder of the day, with little chance for a white Christmas, the

forecaster said. High on the program of varied activities today was the community Christmas tree in Lafayette Park, to be lighted late in the afternoon by President Roosevelt. The President will broadcast a Christmas

message to the Nation. Ceremonies Begin at 4:30.

The ceremonies in Lafavette Park were due to begin at 4:30, with a concert by the Marine Band, under the direction of Capt. Taylor Branson. A glee club and the crowd will sing carols, directed by Arturo Papalardo, director of the Washington Schola Cantorum.

President Roosevelt will press a his brief address about 5 o'clock. by Dr. Albert J. McCartney, pastor of the Covenant-First Presbyterian Church, and the benediction will be delivered by the Very Rev. Arthur O'Leary, president of Georgetown University.

Stands have been erected and sheltered platforms provided for the presidential party and the citizens group in charge of this 16-year-old Christmas festivity. The tall, graceful tree was trimmed yesterday and the lights and loud-speaker system tried out. A big crowd was ex-

pected, whatever the weather. Marine Band Program. The Marine Band will give these

numbers: March, "Yuletide" Pastoral from "Christmas Oratorio," Fantasie, "The Children" Choral, "Jesus, Joy of Man's

Cornet solo, "Cantique de Noel, Adam Principal musician, Winfred Kemp. Christmas song, "Birthday of a Neidlinger Good News From Heaven," from

"Christmas Oratorio" Back "The Star Spangled Banner." Stores remained crowded today as forgotten gifts for almost neglected relatives and friends were bought (See CHRISTMAS, Page A-4.)

Japanese Diet Called

Desiring'

TOKIO. Dec. 24 (A).-Emperor Hirohito today ordered the Japanese Diet to convene Monday, when he will open the 74th session in person.

Christmas Mail Biggest Ever, Postmaster Announces

This is the way Postmaster Vincent Burke characterized the Christ-

Postal revenues from stamps dur-

cancelling machine showed a gair of 5 per cent since December 15 rising from 15,400,000 pieces in the

Pieces of mail going through the 1937 period to 16,400,000 in 1938. Outgoing parcel post mailed here

Ickes Incident' **Announces**

Nazis Decide Not To Make Reply To Welles

German - American relations have been tense at various times since Nazi regime began in 1933, but differences have multiplied the past year as result of seizure of Austria, dismemberment of Czecho-Slovakia and campaign against Jews. Nazi newspapers have carried on campaign of villification against President Roosevelt and other American statesmen.

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.-A propaganda ministry spokesman today declared the "Ickes incident" was closed diplomatically after it culminated in the United States' rejection of a German protest against a speech

Though regretting that Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles' rejection "left a sting behind," the

tion," said the spokesman, adding that "we Nazis are regarded by many as heathen, yet I think we are better Christians than some other At the same time Senator Key Pittman's four-point statement ex-

spired commentary service Deutscher Dienst. 'Disturbance of Yule Peace.' Under the caption "Disturbance

chairman (of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee), occupies a

position of responsibility, yet who acts with complete irresponsibility "He didn't ask the American people, yet he considers himself au thorized to insult a great European power in such an unbelievable

sults the German people in its entirety and in all its strata when he arrogates to himself such an expres-

Yule Spirit Not Helped. The propaganda ministry spokesman, in stating the "Ickes incident" was closed diplomatically, declared: "We don't think utterances like

spirit." Ickes, speaking Sunday before the Zionist Society of Cleveland, said Germany's treatment of Jews carried her back to "A period of history when man was unlettered, benighted ceptance of German decorations by Henry Ford and Col. Charles A

"We believe in the true Christmas spirit; hence we will not do anything further about the unfortunate incident. Of all times, this

"But there was not anything ultimative about our protest, hence from the diplomatic point of view the incident now is closed. We had

our say and the American Government had it's." Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, meanwhile, decorated Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi Oshima with the Grand Cross of the Order of the German Eagle.

The award to the Japanese of the (See BERLIN, Page A-10.)

Mother of Six Killed

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Dec. 24 (A) -Mrs. Bertha Beady, 37-year-old mother of six children, had her arms so full of Christmas presents when she got off a bus in nearby Andrews last night that she did not see an automobile coming. She was killed. Stanley R. Putnam of Chicago, driving the car, told authorities she stepped in front of it. He was not

Road to Freedom

The fourth of a series of dramatic productions, "Road to Freedom," portraying the story of the common man's fight for human rights through the ages will be presented tonight at 8:00 o'clock on Station WMAL. This evening's episode, "The Unconquered," tells the story of the struggle of the Christians for religious freedom during the days of ancient Rome.

A special Christmas message will be given by the Rev. William Murray Bradner, canon preceptor of the Washington Cathedral.

The Star, will be broadcast through the cooperation of the Washington Civic Theater, Georgetown University, and the National Broadcasting Company.

Making Pact Complete

BULLETIN.

republics to a Pan-American Conference declaration on continental solidarity and defense. By ANDRUE BERDING.

The final decision was left up to him last night when Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aranha wired him that President Getulio Vargas approved-with slight modificationsthe declaration already signed by the other republics as well as an optional declaration agreed to by

Peace, Mello Franco called other delegation heads to meet him this morning to discuss Brazil's position. Up to last night Argentina had held the whip hand, steadily refusing to sign the declaration which had been accepted by virtually all Gen. Franco's Drive had been accepted by virtually all the other nations. But when Argentina signed, followed closely by Uruguay, the fate of the declaration Mello Franco was in a position to

am. They had hoped to have the declaration ready for formal ap-

today's sessions the solidarity decaration would not reach the con-Brazil Causes Misgivings. Word that Brazil wanted modifi-

weeks of tortured discussions.

Off Alaska Safe By the Associated Press.

mas. Two of the 20 crew members drowned when the Patterson was driven up on bleak Cape Fairweather Beach, 150 miles north of here, on the Gulf of Alaska, during

ew seven men there and the Coast Guard boat Haida picked up the re-

Seattle with tales of their week of

yesterday, but he became a citizen nevertheless. Said Judge Symes: must not necessarily be construed as a reflection on an applicant's character. It can only be so taken when the record shows the man has committed some dangerous act. such as driving an automobile or

No Late Editions Due to the holiday, The Star

Night Final editions today. subscribers to these editions will receive the regular city

government to the efforts in the the ranking Republican member.

One point in the government's Church N Comics

> Foreign Vigorous new anti-French drive G. Gould Lincoln.

Financia

Rail recommendations encounter senatorial opposition. Page A-1

treated in an oxygen room, the at- Capital makes last-minute prepara- Letter-Out. tions for Christmas. Page A-1 Uncle Ray's Corner.

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those who came because of curiosity turned away.

(See WHITE HOUSE, Page A-5.)

"I'm glad to be here," she told Mrs

who were present and those who

ence received their

of the program.

personally

Wheeler, Norris to Fight

necessities of the situation. By the Associated Press.

persons might have been killed, but cial committee on railroad legislareports from Hamilton Field, Calif., said only seven soldiers left there Thursday aboard the plane en route An eighth member, Army sources said, apparently boarded the plane at March Field, Calif., but alighted

tions made by the committee. 'Favoritism' Cited. The committee told the President yesterday Government "favoritism" for competing forms of traffic had contributed to the railroads' financial difficulty. The President ap-

rehabilitating the debt-burdened carriers.

haul provision. (In Spokane, James A. Ford, secretary of the Inter-Mountain Rate

"The biggest Christmas we ever | December 1 to 23 last year to 780,918 for the same period in 1938.

mas mail, based on records through

Page A-10 Field, Tex., and passed Barksdale December 23, jumped from \$730,584 for all parts of the world shows Page B-4
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Closed, Reich

BACKGROUND-

by the Secretary of the Interior.

spokesman said the protest was couched in such terms that diplomatic action ended with the strong American retort. Not even diplomatic quarrels must interfere with the Christmas spirit, so there will be no official "reac-

pressing disapproval of the Berlin and Tokio governments elicited an angry reply from the officially-in-

of the Christmas Peace," the service "Senator Pittman's declaration constitutes a carefully timed brutal disturbance of the Christmas peace. no child wakes tomorrow to find the same time what impudent smug-"What cynical baseness and at ness is apparent from these utter-

> manner. "After all he must know he in-

sion of opinion.' Ickes' help promote the Christmas

and bestial." He also criticized ac-Lindbergh. Germany protested and sought an apology-but was rebuffed by Acting Secretary of State Welles.

button lighting the tree and deliver is not the season for quarreling. "As regards the rejection of our The invocation will be pronounced protest, that naturally leaves a sting and also was not calculated to enhance the Christmas spirit.

The program arranged by

87th YEAR. No. 34,570. Entered as second class matter post office, Washington, D. C. Brazil Signs,

LIMA, Dec. 24 (A).—Brazil's signature today gave the unanimous backing of the 21 American

Pan-American Conference

of the Brazilian delegation.

p.m. today and the conference will close Tuesday.

ment has to be rewritten and circulated among all the delegations for Secretary of State Cordell Hull

Benavides, Tuesday night.

JUNEAU, Alaska. Dec. 24.-All survivors of the wrecked motorship

a storm two weeks ago. Sheldon Simmons, veteran Alaskan "mercy flyer," rescued two men earlier in the week and the pair arrived in Seattle yesterday. Two Navy planes from the Sitka base

No Bar to Citizenship DENVER, Dec. 24.—United States | age plot gave their plans away. citizenship should not be denied an

ands, although the insurgents- Half million battling over Northern injuring some one while in that

(See FRANCE, Page A-5.)

Page A-1 Spain.

At least seven die in Army bomber

well Field: pilot, Morgantown, N. C., whose pocketbook was found in the wreck-

ection listed as "unknown" at Hamilton, was reported to have boarded the plane at March Field Page A-14 and effects found in the scattered name. Knee-deep mud hindered investi-

went away horror struck. Even veteran newsmen and photographers The plane took off Thursday on a navigation flight; it cleared Henley ing the period from December 1, to Page B-4 Field, Shreveport, La., without land- last year, to \$787,934 this year, an

gation and reclamation, and most of

Railroad Proposals **Face Senatorial** Opposition